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**RE: Request for Information
North Pacific Division Laboratory
ECSI No. 1390
Troutdale, Oregon**

Dear Mr. Gross:

As we discussed yesterday, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requesting additional information regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) North Pacific Division (NPD) Laboratory site. The site is located at 1491 Northwest Graham Road within the city of Troutdale, Oregon. This information is requested to assist DEQ in evaluating and addressing complaints regarding former practices at the laboratory that may have resulted in releases of hazardous substances to the environment.

DEQ will use the information you provide to determine whether the scope of work for the upcoming investigation of the facility should be expanded. Your assistance in gathering this information will help to ensure a timely, accurate and thorough review of the site. We ask that you address each of the following issues, to the best of your knowledge.

1. Testing of soil from the Umatilla Army Depot at the NPD Laboratory.

Please provide DEQ and EPA with a description of the items listed below pertaining to the testing of soils from the depot. Copies of any documents consulted, examined or referred to should be provided to DEQ and EPA.

- a) Period of time NPD accepted soil for testing;
- b) Types of testing performed on soils by NPD;
- c) Shipping records;
- d) Basis for accepting soil for testing (i.e., how was it determined if the soil was clean or potentially contained hazardous substances?);
- e) Quantities of soil shipped to the NPD facility;
- f) Analytical testing results; and
- g) Disposal records.

2. "Alleged Disposal Well"

DEQ received information regarding an alleged disposal well near the southeast corner of the building. The location of this feature is shown on the attached figure. This feature is an approximate

2 foot by 2 foot concrete structure with an approximate 6-inch diameter cylindrical opening. The opening has been plugged with concrete. During the March 14, 2001, site visit with EPA, this feature was identified as a drainline cleanout. Please provide DEQ and EPA with a description of the items listed below. Copies of any documents consulted, examined or referred to should be provided to DEQ and EPA.

- a) Purpose of structure;
- b) Map of laboratory sewer/drainage system; and
- c) If this feature is identified as a disposal well, provide all information available regarding the type and quantities of wastes disposed in this well, period of disposal, frequency of disposal, disposal practices, and results of any analytical testing performed.

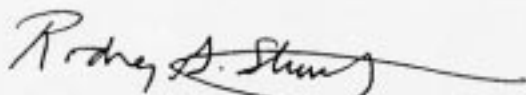
3. Groundwater Sumps

DEQ received information regarding potential groundwater sumps present beneath the NPD facility. Please provide DEQ and EPA with a description of the items listed below. Copies of any documents consulted, examined or referred to should be provided to DEQ and EPA.

- a) Identification and location of any groundwater sump on-site;
- b) Installation date;
- c) Operation of groundwater sumps (i.e., structure and function of sump(s));
- d) Analytical testing results; and
- e) Disposal of water collected by sumps (e.g. volume, locations, treatment).

Please submit the requested information requested no later than June 8, 2001. Please do not hesitate to call me at (503) 229-5562 if you have any questions regarding this letter or the attached comments.

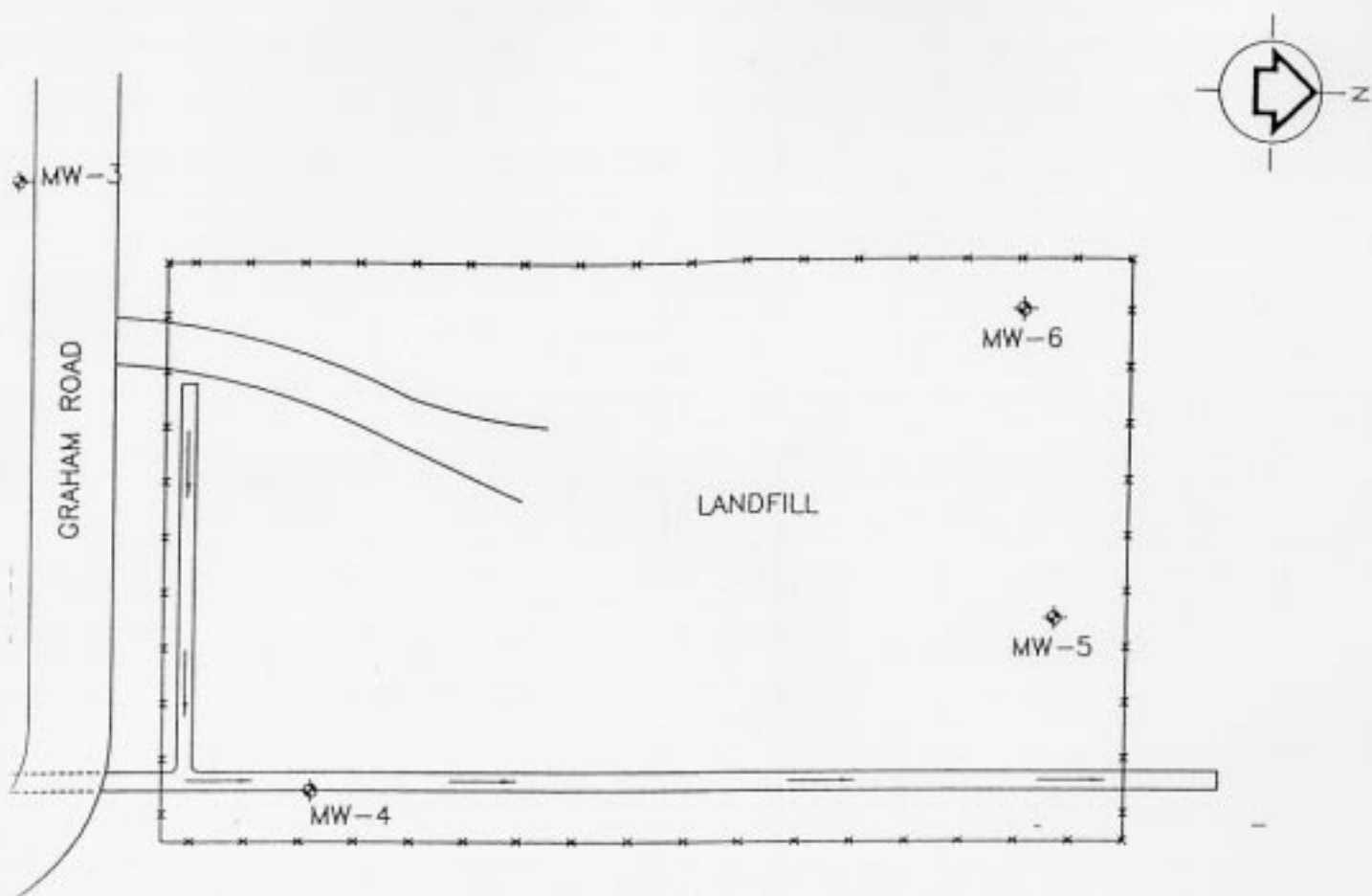
Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Figure

Cc: Mark Ader, EPA Region X
Jim Anderson, DEQ
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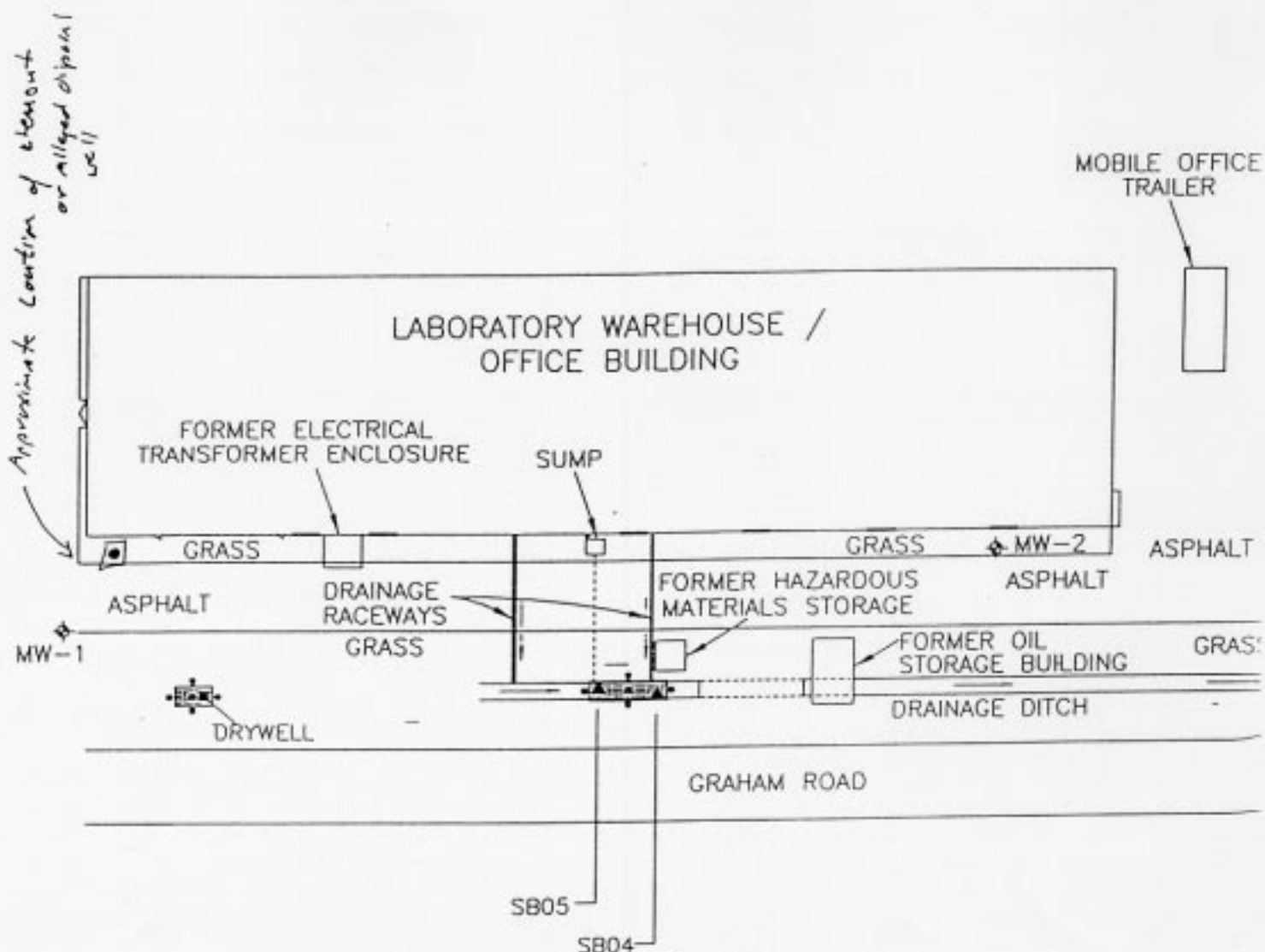
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 SCALE: 1"=80'-0"

FIGURE 2

SITE PLAN
 NORTH PACIFIC DIVISION LABORATORY, TROUTDALE, OREGON



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| — | BARB WIRE FENCE | | SOIL REMOVAL AREA |
| — | BAY DOOR | ▲ | FORMER SOIL BORING LOCATIONS |
| ▲ | DOOR | ◆ | GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL LOCATION |
| • | CONFIRMATION SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION | — | DIRECTION OF FLOW |
| ---- | SUBSURFACE FEATURE | ■ | CONCRETE RING DENOTING DRYWELL LOCATION |